

Without net neutrality the cost of internet access to consumers and small business will be prohibitive.

—Lawrence M. Berardi, Lancaster, PA

The Net is where I get my news. If there are two tracks, and I'm getting my news from the slower one, I'm a less-informed citizen. This is bad for democracy.

—Jane Hawes, Edmond, OK

Everyone should be able to access the internet in the same way. Huge companies should not be able to discriminate against internet users, should not be able to decide what the user can and can't access. RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS.

—Rachael Brennskag, Baltimore, MD

The internet is the most important human communication innovation since the telephone. It must not be subverted or corrupted.

—Tadd A Morgan, Seattle, WA

Net Neutrality is very important to me because I want easy and fair access to online sites that are important to me. I DO NOT WANT WANT LARGE INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS LIKE ATT&T, COMCAST, AND VERIZON TO CONTROL AND MAKE DECISIONS FOR ME REGARDING EASY ACCESS TO THE SITES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO ME!

—Lila Park, Central, SC

The big Corporations should not control the internet as our TAX dollars have paid for it so fat, not the big companies.

—Rich Conklin, Fort Myers, FL

Net neutrality is life blood of continued growth and development for businesses and democracy. A failure to maintain net neutrality will only speed up Americas decline into third world status.

—Paul Metzger, Portland, OR

When does two rates, paid fast and unpaid slow, become three or more, high-pay very fast, low pay slow, and no-pay no email delivery ? or even censorship ?

—Mr. Lane A. Whitesell, Oklahoma City, OK

Please don't overturn net neutrality because doing so will lead to much injustice.

—Si-Hua Chang, Wenham, MA

I can not afford extra costs due to discrimination.

—Kezia Masoner, Ankeny, IA

I believe net neutrality is very important. Please serve the people and not the pockets of corporate stakeholders.

—Matt Stern, Williams, OR

I am retired and on a limited income but spend lots of time online. Would hate to go back to slow internet and have to pay for faster speed. Thought we took care of that a long time ago when we got rid of dial-up speeds!

—Nancy Braun, Oscoda, MI

DEFEND NET NEUTRALITY. DON'T CAPITULATE TO THE ISPS.

—Bill Lindner, Greenbrae, CA

No person should own the Internet this way. It is like the freedoms of people living in this nation. Keep the web neutral.

—Devon Antonio Dassaw, Miami Gardens, FL

This so-called "revision" of Internet rules proposed by FCC Chairman Wheeler is just another example of the HUGE influence big money has on our democracy. I, as a voter & taxpayer, am sick & tired of seeing my concerns continually trumped by the legalized bribery endemic in our government. Just once I'd like to see MY concerns & issues addressed. So, Chairman Wheeler, DO THE RIGHT THING: Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Lisbeth Caccese, Van Nuys, CA

To support a free and open society with opportunity for all, access to the Internet should be fair and equitable for producers and consumers large and small. To this end, I strongly support the rejection of the proposed two-tier system and ask that ISPs be classified as common carriers.

—Mary Hrovat, Bloomington, IN

The proposed new internet rules are a crock. They will have a chilling effect on fair competition and provide a back door to censorship. Don't let the telecom provider's lobbyist decide the FCC rules.

—Henry Klein, Van Nuys, CA

Because it is hugely unfair to the small businessman. It also encourages more wealth disparity.

—Diana nadanyi, Bluffton, SC

I can't see how something that has brought down tyrannies, brought accountability to murderers and abusers, increased the knowledge of a generation 10 fold of their parents, and even allows the hold world to connect in an instant can, or even should possibly be given over to capitalistic favoritism. Which company owns the fiber cables shouldn't be the determinant for FREE business and trade practices, and certainly should put streaming caps on the FREE web. PLEASE, do not allow discrimination online, keep the internet free! I've grown up with the internet, and I couldn't imagine a place become constraint by greed. I love what the internet can do, and will do, but I can't stand to see it taken over by corporations who want to control it. KEEP THE INTERNET FREE! RECLASSIFY ISP'S AS COMMON CHARACTERS.

—Chad Zimmerman, Arvada, CO

It is important to me because the more monopolies we create the more inequality we create. We do not want to become a Third World Country.

—Maralupe Duarte, El Segundo, CA

The internet was developed with taxpayer dollars, and has evolved into critical infrastructure for our economy. For example, at my work, if the internet is down, productivity ceases. The internet is vital for communication, collaboration and innovation. The internet is as essential as electricity and should be treated as the utility that it has become. ISP's cannot be allowed to pick winners and losers in the economy by being permitted to commit shakedowns if internet users though a pay-to-play multi-tiered system.

—Michael S, Ventura, CA

THE INTERNET IS THE ONLY LEVEL PLAYING FIELD. DO NOT MESS WITH IT!!!

—David Enright, Los Angeles, CA

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Don't allow the media Giants to control access speeds. Keep the internet Equal for all users. Protect the Equal interests of all users. Their is enough profit taking now.

—Michael Keene, Nevada City, CA

Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it.

—Thomas Riedmueller, Round Rock, TX

Equal access to the internet is fundamental to a level playing field. DON'T sell us out to corporate domination yet again!!

—Brenda Procter, Columbia, MO

PROVE YOU ARE TRUELY AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION FOR THE PEOPLE AND PASS REAL NET NEUTRALITY THAT KEEPS THE INTERNET FREE FOR ALL, NOT JUST THE RICH.

—Oliver Minguillon, East Windsor, NJ

ISP's should be reclassified as common carriers, in order to preserve true net neutrality.

—Nigeala Nigrath, Seattle, WA

Preserve net neutrality and regulate the net as a common carrier.

—Charles Smith, Blaine, WA

we all own the internet..this action is illegal

—Robert Luke, auburn, CA

Net neutrality is important for economic growth. It helped create more economic growth since 1998 than anything a cable or phone-based internet provider itself could create if you give the even more of a stranglehold.

—Brendan R, savannah, GA

Internet Service Providers should not be determining what I see on the Internet and they should not be allowed to charge fees and create a two-tiered system. I want equal access for all sites!

—Gina Woods-Norris, Placerville, CA

NET NEUTRALITY IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE ALTERNATIVE NEWS SOURCES. THESE OPERATIONS EXIST ON A SHOE STRING BUDGET BUT PROVIDE ESSENTIAL NEWS THAT IS OTHERWISE NOT AVAILABLE. A DEMOCRACY CN NOT EXIST WITH OUT VITAL INFORMATION TO EDUCATE THE ELECTORATE.

—Don Smith, Piermont, NH

Chairman Wheeler: Your opposition to Net Neutrality is shameful: stand up for democracy and say no to the greedy telecommunication giants that have made you their puppet.

—Doug, Medford, MA

The FCC should adopt Net Neutrality rules that promote a more level playing field, instead of the current proposal.

—Debra Slater, Portland, OR

Ending net neutrality is a death sentence for innovation and creativity. As an actress, comedian, artist, and human being I consider this a horrifying threat. We are already falling behind the rest of the world in so many ways. Ending net neutrality is an attack on the American dream.

—Shalyah Evans, Yountville, CA

the Internet has become a necessity and yet we continue paying outrageous prices for lousy service. if anything the Internet should be regulated to keep the prices down and get better service. I'm sick of dealing with Internet companies continually raising your prices and giving you worse service. Neutrality is ridiculous to allow companies to charge more for a faster speed we should be getting it faster anyway.

—Richard Parham, Arroyo Grande, CA

As poor people who can't afford cable tv, we rely on the internet for news, shows, and movie viewing, as well as school research and information and class attendance.

—Pennellope Allee, Beaverton, OR

Community Radio relies on fast internet that is not tiered. As it is now, the monopolistic stranglehold held by the cable/satellite companies pushes the price envelope every 6 months. Soon this will put out of business those who rely on the public trust.

—Arthur (R.D.) Grunbaum, Westport, WA

As someone who uses the Internet frequently I don't want the telecom companies to make it more difficult to access one company or site over another. There are things, including the Internet, that are too important to let making maximum profit be the overriding guideline.

—Butch Black, Woburn, MA

The Internet is a basic communication medium, the neutrality of which I think is important to our democracy. I do not want monied interests to effect the availability of the information which I am able to effectively access.

—Alex Perlman, Greenwich, CT

As a retiree living on SSI, I depend a lot on the internet to keep in contact with friends and relatives, news and information and shopping. A two tiered system would leave me in the slower lane as I couldn't afford to pay higher amounts to keep in touch with the world.

—Edward Sprague, Fort Lauderdale, FL

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are out — and they're discriminatory, because they would allow for the creation of a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. It would give the providing companies the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications, and leave users powerless to do anything about it.

—Christine Etapa, Chicago, IL

The FCC's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This is not fair.

—Paula Shafransky, Sedro Woolley, WA

If there's no Net Neutrality, what's to stop Comcast or someone else from throttling my connection to the point that I can't play my online games that I've paid for? For that matter, that's to stop them from throttling yahoo mail to the point of it not working? FCC you need to get off your butt, the US developed the internet and now we're way behind several other country because of your bad rule making.

—Daniel Schmidt, Cedar Rapids, IA

FCC Chairman Wheeler: I believe that you are pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. I believe that your plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. If approved, these rules would mean the end of net neutrality and I am strongly against them.

—Conrad Mulcahy, Brooklyn, NY

To whom it may concern, I've written several times explains how important net neutrality is to my husband's work (a designer), to my child's education, and our free flow of information. Please listen to our outcry, **KEEP THE NET NEUTRAL**, with **NO COMPROMISES!**

—Kayla McKinley, Buffalo, NY

DO NOT ALLOW CABLE CORPORATIONS TO DESTROY NET NEUTRALITY!!!

—Dahlia Wasfi MD, Dover, DE

Nobody is watching tv like they used to so now they want to attack the internet.

—Gail, Marietta, GA

The internet should be a right of every citizen! The FCC needs to maintain a real net FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Gaming the system for less than a handful of internet monopolies is unfair and un-American! FCC is there to protect the consumer, not Verizon, ATT, Comcast, etc. Mr. Wheeler should recuse himself from the vote since he has been a lobbyist for big telecoms!

—Albert Delgado, Calumet Park, IL

The whole point of the internet is to freely exchange information. Why is the FCC, under a Democratic administration, caving to large companies that want to control the internet? This is as undemocratic as Citizens United.

—Denise Turgeon, Charlotte, NC

The internet wasn't made to make a few people more money. Discriminating against those who can't afford a fast connection is absurd. We are already behind many countries when it comes to internet connection and connectivity, shame on them for trying to make it worse by making even more money off of us.

—Elizabeth S Weisblatt, Boston, MA

Extremely high pricing from Comcast as I have been subjected to their poor response to my complaints over the past nine years!

—Jerry Whaley, Lone Tree, CO

It's a no-brainer why having the net be an equal playing field is important to me and to every single person. Do the right thing, FCC. Protect the public (not the corporations), as you are mandated to do.

—Syd Norris, Santa Fe, NM

Broadband internet access *IS* a public utility. Broadband internet is *required* for most people's daily lives. Letting a few monopolistic corporations control how people experience the internet is one of the worst ideas in a very long time. Please reclassify it as a public utility and then make sure it stays protected and neutral.

—Stephen Wilcoxon, Edina, MN

Stop it.

—Betty Scully, Bloomington, MN

Service Providers should not regulate who gets service faster than others. This is discrimination.

—Dr. Gail Kirby, Bowling Green, KY

I do not want a two-tiered internet. I believe that would be a freedom of speech issue. We have the right to express ourselves online with no interference from AT&T, Comcast and Verizon.

—Beatrice Jeanne Calame, Bothell, WA

I already have to pay a bonus to Comcast just to have decent speeds for my internet service. Now you want to make that worse in order to benefit a few carriers. Reclassify the ISPs (that's internet service providers I hope you know) as common carriers - which is what they are. Every other western country is trying to provide faster internet to their citizens. You are doing the exact opposite. Is that in order to have cushy jobs waiting once you leave the FCC? I ask because there's no other reason to intentionally slow service.

—Rosemary Williams, Westport, WA

I rely on the Internet for equal access to credible information. I do not want non-profit and public media websites to be relegated to a slow lane because they are not in a financial position to compete with the likes of Netflix and Amazon.

—Julie Heath Elliott, Los Angeles, CA

STOP GIVING IN TO THE MONOPOLIES!!! YOU WORK FOR WE THE PEOPLE!! DO YOUR FRACKING JOB!

—Christopher Ryan, New Orleans, LA

Net Neutrality is essential - freedom to communicate & function on the internet with the speed of companies. Please DO NOT END Net Neutrality!!! Harry Lilly

—Harry Lilly, Arlington, VA

Big corporations already have too much control and power, they don't need to have more.

—Kriss Crowdis-Mann, Idaho Falls, ID

Net neutrality has become a human rights issue. We condemn countries like China and North Korea for restricting the internet access of its citizens while our own government tries to do the same. These little steps like changing net neutrality will hurt the foundation of this country. America leads the world because we believe in freedom, well there is no better freedom than the internet. If Cable companies are allowed to control the means of communication then the freedom will only be given to those who can afford it. Those are not the principles on which this country was founded and will not sit well with the citizens who work so hard to make this country great. We elect a government to protect our rights and keep us safe from greed. But if cable companies are to control our means of communication and give more to the highest bidder, then what is the point of having a democracy? Let this be a learning point and a warning for the FCC: the American people are not idiots. Regardless of gender, race, political affiliation or economic class, we deserve the right to have a level playing field on the internet. If the FCC decides to give that right away, then we will take it back by all means necessary.

—Aria Fazlinejad, CHINO HILLS, CA

Every voice and opinion needs to be heard and be received without bias, not just the ones with the deepest pockets that would allow them to broadcast loudest and arrive more quickly

—Marcy Lynn, Brooklyn, NY

It is amazing to me that the entire government caters to the corporations rather than the citizens who are supposed to be in charge. Americans deserve a free and open internet!

—Lisa Bearden, Hillsdale, MI

Net Neutrality is an important factor to the continued learning and development of US citizens. The FCC is setting a terrible precedent for both the future and other companies, governments and persons. Endangering free internet is a threat to an all ready delicate social system by threatening to cut methods of learning and communication from people who most need it. Turning the internet into a common carrier is the best course of action for vast amounts of America, and will protect future interests.

—Eleanor Doyle, Dartmouth,

Do not break the internet. Putting corporate interests ahead of the individual will create a HUGE backlash. Don't we have enough social and economic issues without creating more? Leave the internet alone keep Net Neutrality the way it is.

—Jason Goldston, Pleasant View, TN

A free and open internet can be the beacon of truth that is our best hope of achieving true democracy and educating the world.

—Chris MacKrell, Long Beach, CA

I work in the Tech sector and for us the ramifications of this decision are massive. If the FCC allows ISPs to extort Tech companies by implementing their fast and slow lanes than one of the most vibrant, creative, and profitable parts of our economy will be pointlessly shackled to the whims of the most static and unchanging sectors of our economy. ISPs are among the largest monopolies in the country so allowing them even more freedom to impose their will and stifle competition will only harm the US in both the short and long term.

—Hans Reichenbach, York, SC

This Country was Established on FREEDOM. There is NO REASON why that should be disregarded

—James R Hector, Braidwood, IL

PROTECT FREE SPEECH FOR ALL PEOPLE; FCC PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY.

—Sharon Paltin, Laytonville, CA

It is CRITICALLY important that the internet NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE MONETIZED FOR THE BENEFIT OF A FEW CORPORATIONS. YOUR JOB IS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE -- NOT TO GUARANTEE THE PROFITS OF CORPORATIONS. DO THE RIGHT THING.

—Berkeley Stewart, Whittier, CA

The internet was funded by the government and became the vehicle to profoundly change the way we communicate, obtain information and other endeavors based on the "open" model. We should not drag us back to the stone ages just to satisfy corporations that own some of the pipes that make the internet operate, and prospered under the open model. They should not control the access to the internet. Please take a longer view on behalf of the people of not just this country, but of the world. Sincerely,

—Gilbert Lee, Fremont, CA

The Internet was and is an integral part of my life socially and as a source of readily available information. It is quite frightening to have lived in the United States all these years under the assumption and belief that we live in a democracy in which the government is representative of the majority not the minority as represented in corporations. In this regard, discrimination will run rampant because corporations represent money and power. It is important to tighten the rules for corporate carpet baggers which only seek the bottom line for their shareholders. This is about money and how much can be extracted from the commons to prop up the oligarchy and their profit making schemes. The internet is the last frontier of freedom of expression and liberty of thought. Throw out the current rules that congress and lobbyist have sought to tamper with and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. It's so simple. Re-write the rules. Clarify and refine to prevent these monopolies from picking winners and losers and to discriminate against or for online content and applications. The internet is for the people and by the people. It is our last frontier of freedom of expression and use by the US and the global community. Listen, and listen closely to John Oliver, an Englishman, who sees through this charade that the AT&T, Comcast and Verizon's two tiered internet. He sees in between the lines...he sees the monopolistic avarice of these conglomerates. Make clear rules and deliver the internet back to the people and re-classify ISP's as common carriers. It is so clear and so easy to do so and the only way to protect "real" Net Neutrality.

—Helen B, Ventura, CA

These changes will destroy net neutrality and I do see how Mr. Wheeler can be an unbiased arbiter of this process given his industry background. Rest assured that if this goes forward the unforeseen economic impact will be substantial. I will advocate for a breakup of the large telecommunications providers much as in the case of Ma Bell.

—Frederick Arnold, Brewer, ME

Net Neutrality is a truly free and open internet, a level playing field and vital tool for today's world. FCC Chariman Tom Wheeler's proposal to allow bandwidth discrimination and falsely labelled 'fast lanes' would undo Net Neutrality and have a lasting negative impact on all levels of this country, with consequences filtering out to the rest of the world as well. Please classify ISPs as common carriers under Title II stipulations and give America what it needs: a truly free and open internet.

—Steve Awlasewicz, Darien, CT

We must maintain net-neutrality! The internet is an integral part of our life in the United States. It is the main source of communication in work and personal life. To allow winners and losers in the communication process is to create a disadvantage to the majority of citizens. Keeping net neutrality is the only way to keep creating jobs across this country as new businesses have to have an equal opportunity to compete on line.

—Margaret Schumacher, Tacoma, WA

The net must stay neutral-reclassify ISPs as common carriers-it is the right and fair thing to do. Also fire FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler for pushing the plan to allow rampant discrimination online. Follow the money.

—Debra Van Way, Mineral Wells, WV

Net Neutrality is important to me to help preserve the democracy we live in and keep a vitality in everyone to contribute and participate in society. Too much power in a few companies is a really bad thing for our future.

—Eileen Straus, Walnut Creek, CA

The internet is a basic communication tool now--it's NOT entertainment. It's wrong to give the rich and powerful even more control of this society. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and fire or impeach or what the hell ever Tom Wheeler.

—Randi Kander, Tacoma, WA

This is a free speech issue. Allowing ISP's to regulate access to information for commercial gain is unfair to the consumer.

—Peter Auerbach, Portland, OR

Tom Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. Don't do it! Throw out the proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Fred Ferraris, Lyons, CO

We will not tolerate a two-tiered internet!!! You must reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The public is sick and tired of public servants who cater to the interests of big corporations. Do your job and protect the public interest---net neutrality!!!

—Paul Deeter, Keaau, HI

If net neutrality goes away, the internet will essentially belong to the wealthy and to big corporations. The plans will destroy the ability of average people to use the net and of small businesses and non-profits to use it as well. This appears to be not only yet another government giveaway to the wealthy and powerful, but a way to shut down the voices of everyone else. The fix is available. Treat the net like a public utility. Otherwise, this is one more reason to stop calling the U.S. a democracy.

—Karen Jacques, Sacramento, CA

The Internet as we know it is founded on free exchange of ideas. It is the greatest vessel of communication, knowledge, and expression in existence. Corporations should not, under any circumstances, have the power to manipulate people's access to this medium for their own gain. Net Neutrality upholds Freedom of Speech in our changing era. While Internet providers argue that Net Neutrality would negatively impact their service, their small hurdles cannot be compared to the gravity of American freedoms. Providers have already proven that they will gleefully manipulate people's access to content based on corporate pressures and to make money. The objections they raise are nothing but smoke screens to hide their panic over potential loss of power. Do not let America's access to the most vital tool on the global stage become a puppet for corporate whims. Support Net Neutrality with an iron fist and put the overwhelming will of the American people before big business.

—Maryann Simpson, Spotsylvania, VA

I am totally against any change to the current internet structure. I used to be a network engineer at MCI communications and I understand why companies would like to have this but it is a HUGE disadvantage to startups and new businesses and small businesses. Yes, on the surface it seems harmless but in reality it is not when you look at this as a network engineer. It is very detrimental. Interestingly enough, John Oliver's piece does a great job of pointing out the obvious impacts. There are much more greater impacts at the architectural layer that WILL impact new business and opportunity. Please do not allow Net Neutrality to go away.

—Jeff Leonard, Raleigh, NC

No telecom-cable monopoly please. No gutting of Net Neutrality, please. We saw what giving Wall Street and the banking industry complete lack of oversight did to our economy. Let's not do that again. NO to ending net neutrality and letting the telecoms bleed us with outrageous bills and outrageously bad service.

—Cathy Murphy, Arvada, CO

Net Neutrality is hugely important because larger companies would immediately smother smaller ones and we would have total bias in a very short period of time.

—Diana Rojek, Oxford, NY

IT WILL KEEP THE NET FROM BEING DOMINATED AND CONTROLLED BY MASSIVE CORPORATIONS WHO ONLY CARE ABOUT MONEY AND POWER.

—Mark Simpson, Arcadia, CA

Real freedom is important, there is no real freedom anymore here in the United States of America and having at least one place where the founding principles can be is important! Don't let yourselves get bought by companies like Comcast, redefine it as a common carrier like it should be. It is something greater than what you are trying to turn into. Make it so companies have to fight for their customers again, I want fair prices, great service and support that works. Comcast doesn't give a shit about its customers and doesn't deserve to be king of the castle. I want Google fiber. Not stuck with shit.

—Andrew Leonard, Ramsey, MN

AT&T, Comcast and Verizon already charge a ridiculous price. Giving them this will give them a unwanted control of where I can go on the Internet. They are already monopolies with too much power.

—Michael Diks, Chicago, IL

If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.

—Michael Barillas, Sanford, FL

Neutrality is important to all us, and most of all, to you.

—Greg Fugate, Highland, IL

Your decisions will impact the whole internet. The internet should not be turned by your law and rule making into another instrument of corporate exploitation. The internet is the servant of the world's populations. Don't pervert that to please the greedsters.

—Arthur Jarrett, Newport-on-Tay,

You have the ability to do what is best for the general public. Please save net neutrality.

—Terri Winter, Fairplay, CO

First let's note that the reality of the net stands on innumerable factors which derive from the 'commons'. That is, thousands of years of developments in math, metallurgy, physics, etc. not to speak of the Defense Depts contributions. Because some company added some innovation or merely bought another company does not merit "ownership". The idea of catalyzing even more inequality at a time in history when the top 1/10th of 1% controls and enormous amount of wealth compared to the top 1% isn't just a matter of fairness...The quality of life has fallen drastically over the last decades, that inequality goes to education and health, well being (basic living takes multiple earners while kids go unattended in the US, early death (the life expectancy of women in Mississippi actually fell by 4 years), etc. No one who's been paying attention needed Piketty to know that wealth has been trickling UP forever. A freer, inexpensive internet could be a countervailing force. OK it's obvious that to truly make these arguments would take a metaphorical super fast brain connection to amass the totality of the argument. I, of course, realize that there's only a sliver of a chance to lift a flap or tug on a loose thread to influence your moral compass (if you've risen to the level decision maker, you've already sold your soul a thousand times), so forgive me if I've interrupted you for a nanosecond (I'm really counting on the possibility that a lower ranked worker with an understanding for the need for moral ballast).

—Bernard McDowell, Milwaukie, OR

i am sick, so very sick, of rich people getting everything they want and more. do they have to "own" the internet, too? maybe they've purchased your eyes, too? ISP's are common carriers!!!

—Steven K. Uchida, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

All websites should be treated equally for them to even stand a chance of success! How can anyone come out with a newer better website to meet our needs if companies are basically forcing us to like them less (with capping their speed)? STOP THIS NOW!

—Ryan Steadman, Gloucester, VA

If the Internet does not remain free there will be many people who will not be able to afford access in an equal way. This is one more step towards discrimination of the not super rich to control access to information.

—Antoinette Boscacci, Marysville, WA

Keep the internet EQUALLY accessible to ALL not just those who can afford it. Keep the net neutral.

—Norma Capparrille, Leyden, MA

As th internet was created with public funds, equal availability to all is essential, and the right thing to do.

—Eddie Havoc, Glen Cove, NY

Just another way for them to charge us more for getting less. Bad idea.

—Linda Jacques, Prior Lake, MN

I want to be able to freely communicate with other internet users without confronting obstacles deliberately put in place by big business in order to extort more money out of the general public. The net should DEFINITELY be a utility.

—Patricia Burrows, Saint Charles, MO

Net neutrality is one of the purest forms of democracy in this day and age. When large corporations have so much financial power, net neutrality levels the playing field for everybody else. For the independent or small business, net neutrality means having equal access to the marketplace. Don't allow corporate interests and power destroy yet another vital part of our democracy.

—Kym Tuvim, Seattle, WA

ISP's are virtual monopolies and should never be involved in deciding who does or does not get a "fast lane" on the web. Web infrastructure is like transportation infrastructure - the greater the traffic, the greater the expansion of the system - but we should never open the door for possible abuse of such a system by a ring of super-wealthy corporations. Keep ISP's as common carriers and consultants - NOT profiteering gate keepers and middle men. The Net Neutrality debate will be a true test of how much the power players in our nation value genuine freedom for all. Keep the internet free and open - FOR EVERYONE!

—Stephen Hahn, Tucson, AZ

I do not support the current proposition to allow Internet providers the ability to charge other companies for a faster connection. This proposition, in my humble opinion, suppresses innovation and free market ideologies and creates an unfair advantage for companies in a position to afford a faster connection. Despite what economic factors may be involved in your decisions, the ideology of such a proposition is fundamentally flawed and disregards the fundamental basis of the United States Constitution and free markets. You are all American citizens, I implore you to uphold the rights of internet users to not be subject to discrimination because of their financial position in life. The internet is the last place we can truly experience equality, in all its wonder. Equality at its core means no matter what circumstances apply, that all parties are treated equally. This proposition is the antithesis to equality on the internet and therefore should not be approved. Please find a way to enforce true net neutrality. If it means reclassifying Internet providers as another class of provider, so be it. Don't let equality die at the hands of corruption and greed. You are our last hope.

—Shane Conroy, Herndon, VA

This is far more important than most people yet realize. And the fundamental choices are clear: keep the internet open and accessible, or hand it over to giant corporations. Please, do the right thing. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Charles Thiessen, Lincoln, NE

Keep the internet available to everyone at the same speed. That helps new growth which equals new jobs. Big business and rich people already have the ability to grow but small business and people w/less money need equal footing on the internet.

—Steve Elliot, Swisshome, OR

I'm a consumer. That's what we Americans have been forced into doing. We're told to consume. When I hear that the cable companies have bribed their lobbyists into positions at the FCC in order to make decisions beneficial to cable companies over the rights of consumers and providers, it makes me mad. Mad consumers are bad for business. Businesses who bribe in order to not compete and instead monopolize the marketplace will not reap profits from consumers who walk away from the whole mess. You'll lose business, Comcast. FCC, do your job to protect citizen consumers.

—Jon Genova, Wheat Ridge, CO

The internet and all ISPs are common carriers in today's world. It would not be permitted if your regular phone service required you to be on hold with long wait times and disconnects before connecting with ordinary people or small businesses and only gave you a quick reliable connection if you were calling large mega-corporations. Same should be true for the internet which often replicates phone use now.

—Wayne Burkey, Brooklyn, NY

The Internet is a public utility and should be regulated as such. Preserve net neutrality!

—Frank A. A. Brincka, Sussex, NJ

These changes would end the power of the Internet and give the power to a few giant companies instead. Enough!

—Vic Warren, Kailua Kona, HI

Stop trying to sacrifice Net Neutrality so a few corporations can make even more big bucks at the expense of the rest of us. Has democracy become so cheap that it's become expendable to the highest bidder?

—Joel Cruzada, Beaumont, CA

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. There should be NO discrimination against online content and applications. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Judi Hershman, Foxborough, MA

It's very simple: without Net Neutrality, free speech and democracy fall further under the influence of ISPs. They will literally hold all users hostage to their whims and fee structure. Please don't be remembered as the appointees who served corporations before the nation they had the duty to defend. Common carrier status for all providers is a minimum level of regulation for which to strive.

—Robert Schreffler, Spring Valley, CA

Net Neutrality is important because neutrality and access is one of the last possibilities of keeping equality for all attainable.

—B Miller, new york, NY

I feel that eliminating net neutrality would be a great burden on the world's economy and well being.

—William Stone, Park City, UT

Because the rich should not be running this country!!! We are all now second class citizens to the 1%. Revolution is coming. We are sick of special priviledges for only the few.

—Kristina Peterson, Edmonds, WA

We want REAL net neutrality!

—Rebecca Dries, Decatur, GA

Please do not allow a two-tier internet access system

—Randall Sutton, Kirkland, WA

Please keep net neutrality. This country needs to keep a level playing field for everyone.

—Zarra Hermann, Portland, ME

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—Kristina Peterson, Edmonds, WA

Your proposed new rules would mean the end of net neutrality. This is undemocratic. Instead, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Do what's right for all of the people of this country instead of just AT&T, Comcast and Verizon's bottom line!

—Barbara Capron, Hampton, NH

Freedom and Equality

—Edgar J Flippin, Yucaipa, CA

Allowing ISPs this kind of power over access to the internet, both by controlling the speed at which users can access content, and by which content and apps users will be able to access and use, goes against everything the internet stands for. Please reject this plan and protect net neutrality.

—Marguerite Barragan, Watsonville, CA

reclassify isp's as common carriers

—Graham Moore, LILBURN, GA

I believe the people should own the air waves and we should decide how we want the internet to be used freely. To put up what ever we want at no cost, it is a vehicle for free speech and this should not be owned by one agency who can they discriminate, charge, suppress and oppress the information the users etc... The way it is set up now is serving us best. If it aint broke don't fix it! It isn't broke, no one has a problem with it except the greedy corporations, gov't who is very much a control munger these days.

—Skye Verbeek, Calgary,

Net neutrality is one of the few tools still available to a diminishing democracy as the United States careers toward oligarchy. Keep net neutrality viable. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Geoffrey R Skoll, Milwaukee, WI

ISPs should not have the power to discriminate against users based only on their ability to pay. This is undemocratic and only worsens the corporate buying-of-the-gov't.

—Mary Utt, Orleans, MA

Please live up to your own mandate -- non-discriminatory access to the radio spectrum is now non-discriminatory access to the Internet. The Internet is a global library, and knowledge should be free.

—William Anton Rohm, Portland, OR

DO NOT LET THE TELECOM MONOPOLIES (COMCAST, TIME-WARNER, AT&T,etc.) charge FEES for those who can PAY and leave the rest of us with dreadfully slow connections. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT NET NEUTRALITY !!!

—P de Magalhaes, Portland, OR

As I am against any kind of discrimination I am against the plan the FCC Chairman T. Wheeler is proposing. I pay to receive the Internet and although I cannot pay as much as some other people, I strongly believe that I am entitled to the same service and speed as anyone else.

—Elke Hoppenbrouwers, East Haven, CT

Because I've already been threatened to be denied further service by Comcast by my continuing withholding of payment for which I was charged, for their free one-year offer for which I was eligible. (I finally paid under protest.) [My transcript of my communications with Comcast Customer Service in this matter is available.] They don't need anymore freedom to bully.

—Hallows Ray, Princeton, NJ

I am not alone in believing that the net is a public utility :read - not for corporate aggrandizement!

—Margaret C. McHugh, Sparta, NJ

Compared to other countries we're already receiving shoddy, overpriced service. Without net neutrality you might as well ban internet use in the US.

—Tico Kelley, Austin, TX

Don't Americanize this shit too...

—David Imola, Englewood, CO

Keep the Net neutral and equal! To do otherwise is to give in to corruption.

—Sukey Hughes, Santa Ynez, CA

unrestricted freedom of speech. This is the beauty of the internet and key to a free country and free people. even if it offends me or others, I still believe there should be no corporate or government control of the internet.

—Mike, internet, NY

Don't allow this country to become even more elitist.

—Peggy Alt, Philmont, NY

Net Neutrality means democracy and free speech.

—Jim Wolf, Glenwood Springs, CO

The Internet is the only form of media where ordinary people can exchange ideas. It is the only open and free media outlet.

—Frank Fredenburg, Milford, PA

I keep in communication with my family and do a lot of banking through the internet. It would be a great disadvantage to me if I were not able to do this in a convenient and efficient manner!

—Pat Chefalo, Rochester, NY

why would you remake the internet in the shape of new America? New America is a two tiered system: one for the rich to abuse as they see fit, and one for the rest of us...

—andy tomsky, san marcos, CA

It is important to save Net Neutrality because a free and open internet is important to creating a free and equal society. Preventing small businesses from having the same opportunities as major corporations not only limits opportunities, but will also cripple the economy even further. If we want America to remain competitive with the rest of the world, we cannot destroy the internet as we know it. If we truly believe in freedom, we will make sure that Americans are free to pursue every opportunity they can to live the best lives possible. Destroying Net Neutrality is in direct opposition to everything America stands for and considers acceptable.

—Kelly M Smith, Cincinnati, OH

All sites should have the same access to the highest speeds available. This should not be determined by ISP's who clearly do not have the public's interest on their agenda.

—Mr. Nathan Winslow, San Diego, CA

The 1% have enough. They have bought our gov't and now will own the net if this passes. They own the newspapers, TV news outlets and now the internet. We are soon to become a dictatorship owned and run by the 1%.

—Beverlee Patterson, Ballston Spa, NY

I use the net for communication, information gathering and dissemination, and commerce. I have a small shop and would like not to be crushed by the big boys. This is pure extortion and against anti trust laws as well. It is also against the Constitution, which is still the law of the land, since it will end up crushing free speech.

—Lynda Leibowitz, New Smyrna Beach, FL

The internet should be free and upon to the public and not controlled by large corporations. The notion of democracy depends on freedom of press, speech, and communications.

—Lanc Jordan, New York, NY

BROADBAND BELONGS TO THE PUBLIC. WE ALLOW CARRIERS TO USE OUR PROPERTY FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD. WE DEMAND REAL NET NEUTRALITY IN RETURN FOR THIS GIFT.

—Mr Timothy M McBride, Hackensack, NJ

The internet is now a very important means of communication. Our voices, our freedom of speech is not a commodity to be sold to the highest bidder!

—Vickie McAlister, Eugene, OR

Lets keep a democratic press that is neutral to all: rich or poor

—Eric Nisonger, San Tan Valley, AZ

Keep the internet free

—Jon Dotson, Stone Mountain, GA

WE MUST PROTECT OUR FREEDOMS!

—Rob B Fink, Elkins, WV

I support net neutrality, and join the majority of the populace demand to maintain net neutrality, in opposition to the plutocratic threat to exploit it!

—Sherry Bender, New York, NY

The net should be free. big companies like comcast shouldn't be able to rule what goes through the connection and at what speed. They should just provide it.

—James, Nashville, TN

I think that the ONLY people that would benefit from these proposed changes are the companies that look to make even MORE money than they ALREADY ARE. They are common carriers and DO NOT deserve any SPECIAL TREATMENT.

—Randal James, Bloomingdale, OH

Internet is the only really free place in this world. Please save it...

—Nicolás Gaete Gaete, Morelia,

My family already has suffered from low bandwidth simply because of where we live and the fact that we can't afford to pay \$70 a month for satellite internet. Your rules will further restrict the benefits of the internet to those able to pay higher fees. The vast benefits realized by the internet have largely been the result of universal, free or low-cost access, which is exactly how we leveraged the benefits of the telephone! Your rules will turn the entire concept on its head! Imagine what might have happened if your new rules had been applied to telephone service! Only the wealthy able to communicate in emergencies, to call in sell orders during a market fall! The only way to fix this situation is to reclassify ISP's as common carriers.

—Robert Augello, Escondido, CA

I want the next generation to have the chance to start up great online content businesses the way my generation has. Fast lanes will favor the establishment over the innovators and entrepreneurs. End game, 3-4 big ISPs and 3-4 big content companies, and that is bad for all consumers. Stop this madness. Keep the internet unshackled.

—Leonard Robert Darnell, Loma Linda, CA

I'm an entrepreneur who built a business without starting capital. I bootstrapped it into a strong business that is growing and provides well paid jobs for many. I could not have done this if the internet were not open--transmitting data to and from my servers as an equal to every other company. That my competitors with deep pockets couldn't buy advantage in data exchange. Protect net neutrality. Protect the opportunity it provides.

—Howard Keziah, Charlotte, NC

A truly neutral Internet is crucial to free expression and public discourse in this and future decades. No one should own it. No one should control the flow of its content other than neutrally. There's plenty of bandwidth for everyone

—Mr. Edward Costello, Santa Monica, CA

Without Net Neutrality the internet as we know it ceases to exist. Don't let the ISP determine their own regulation.

—Aaron Brunette, Minneapolis, MN

A criticism not uncommonly leveled against contemporary political officials and organizations is that they are beholden in their views and policies to moneyed, often corporate interests. While the same has been true of the internet, a healthy government oversight of Net Neutrality has kept it from the political limelight until recently. It's my expressed desire that Broadband ISP's be reclassified as common carriers as opposed to the current proposals being entertained by the FCC.

—Jay Beard, Pine Valley, CA

Throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Betty Blanco, Princeton, NJ

Done be lame, keep the internet free!

—David Lin, Sacramento, CA

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We need fair, free and equal internet - net neutrality.

—Eileen Macmillan, Lafayette, CA

we need net neutrality, it is the only equal playing field left to people.

—Sergio Sanchez, walnut, CA

We live in a world where discrimination is becoming an every day occurrence, we can't let that pattern continue.

—Morgan Yigdal, PITTSBORO, NC

Net neutrality is necessary to preserve our Freedom of Speech. Do not segregate our rights for corporate greed!

—Gary S. Watkins, Longmont, CO

Do the right thing for a neutral internet. You know what that is and it is not special interests. Do your job "for the people". Be honest.

—Stuart Rothrock, Tampa, FL

Reclassify Internet Service Providers as common carriers. That is what they really are. Chairman Wheeler's plan is undemocratic and unacceptable. A two tiered internet favoring fast connections for the wealthy and slow connections for the rest of us undermines the true power of the internet. Small companies presently have equal utilization of the WWW as big multinational conglomerates. Not so with Mr. Wheeler's proposed rules. Scrap them.

—Ken Stevenson, Saint Paul, MN

The Internet is the most important way ordinary people are able to express our opinions. Please make sure it remains open and on a level playing field for all users -- not easily accessible for rich people and corporations and difficult for the rest of us. This is a vital part of our democracy in the 21st century. Please reclassify ISP providers as "common carriers." Thank you.

—Judy Turner, Corning, CA

The Internet is fundamentally vital to us. The Internet should be categorized as a public utility.

—Sheri Strite, Portland, OR

To express and communicate without hindrance is true freedom.

—Ray Thompson, West Hollywood, CA

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—Lesley Ahmed, Seattle, WA

Why should cable companies have more power over Internet service than they already do? They already charge ridiculous prices for sub-par speeds. I adamantly oppose the notion of a "fast lane" that the FCC is wanting to give to cable companies. The Internet is a free and level playing field for startup companies. Keeping the Internet neutral is the essence of American ingenuity and capitalism.

—Gavin West, Cumming, GA

You stand as the guardian of the most fundamental parts of our democracy, our freedoms of speech, press, association as well as commerce. If you don't maintain the neutrality of the Internet, which was created and developed by tax dollars and so actually belongs to the people, you betray your fundamental mission.

—Mary Robbins Jones, Beaumont, TX

Net neutrality is essential to keep democracy functioning.

—Lucinda Hannon, Avon, CT

The Internet is the greatest tool humanity has for the sharing of information. It should not be censored or blocked off. Please preserve Net Neutrality.

—Taylor Smith, New Carlisle, OH

It is just plain wrong to allow the huge internet service providers to discriminate against those individuals that do not have the money to pay. It is unfair, and it would create a huge monopoly among the service providers. It would ruin the internet as we know it. Keep the internet Neutral!!!

—Catherine Lanzl, Encinitas, CA

Don't make us seem like high-tech Victorians! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Aradia Farmer, Corvallis, OR

Pls classify the net as a common carrier.

—Grace W Tiessen, Pasadena, CA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and protect Net Neutrality!

—Daniel, Buena Park, CA

I read a good comment. If one of the providers bought another one out, it would spend all it's money paying for it, and not spend it updating the service it is providing to the consumers. Mary R.

—Mary Rowley, Hettinger, ND

freedom of expression and easy access to communication on the Internet is essential to an open democratic society.

—Scott Clift, Portland, OR

An open and free net is important for keeping innovation and creative business alive. It is the only way to keep the US competitive in education, business and other sectors globally.

—Nicholas Stevens, Denver, CO

We must keep money out of the Internet.

—Ruth Reynolds, Durham, NC

SAVE THE INTERNET AND SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY AND THE WORLD!

—Aaron Pearl, Culver City, CA

DO NOT screw up my internet! It is fine the way it is without people chopping it up.

—Donald Miller, Littleton, CO

Net neutrality is of great importance to the public and our nation's economy. Equal access to the internet allows people to learn new skills, educate themselves on social and political issues and stay connected with others. It allows entrepreneurs to innovate, invent new products and services. It allows businesses to grow, innovate and create jobs. Net neutrality is also the only credible position the FCC can take. ISP's could upgrade their equipment and eliminate the need for restricting traffic. Furthermore, the internet was created with taxpayer funds. Giving ISP's the ability to create fast lanes is just another example lobbyists-turned-public-officials giving handouts to their former employers at the cost to the public. Support net neutrality.

—Jonathan Shkiele, Chicago, IL

It's not broke, so don't fix it. It only secures more power for the elite and less for the people. One world government leads to one leader government, which leads to horror.

—Alan Doner, North Vancouver,

To Whom it may concern: The internet was meant to be open and free. The new proposed rules are completely against that. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. This plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Please, let innovation flourish. Keep the internet open and free for everyone. Thank you.

—Kalynda Tilges, Las Vegas, NV

FCC, throw out rules to create a two-tiered Internet that would discriminate heavily against online content and applications, and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.

—Ruth Weedman, Longview, WA

The Internet is no longer an "option" for many Americans, and your push to end Net Neutrality by adopting a "two tier" structure for data shows that the FCC, under Mr. Wheeler's regime, doesn't side with "greatest good" for the citizens of the US. Because of its importance, ISP's should be reclassified as Common Carriers, plain and simple. Under corporate governance we have been passed by countries such as Korea and Japan in terms of speed and accessibility. Because of mergers and monopolies, ISP's have no motivation to upgrade services in the midst of rising prices. Under the guise of "Free Market", The FCC is now ready to give away a public resource in another gesture of corporate welfare. Who will suffer? Those least able to ride the "fast lane"...startups, the middle class and poor, and small businesses who will be buried under the superusers' feet. Over the years, broadcasters, no longer hindered by Equal Time strictures, and gobbling up outlets under lax policies, have gutted any semblance of balance, journalistic integrity and turned the "news" into a pay-for-play circus, with the monied and the broadcasters the sole beneficiaries. The forces behind this destruction of the Internet's open architecture are the people Mr. Wheeler once served as a lobbyist...after he has done their bidding, I have little doubt he will be duly compensated by those same masters. This will end badly, I see grand juries, attacks from those affected by this bad plan...political backlash for an administration that promised Net Neutrality...the only winners, if this plan becomes reality, will be, as this country's shadow oligarchy, replaces democracy, the monied minority. I pray you will come around, and take your position as a protector of the PUBLIC good to heart and bury this very bad plan, and reclassify ISP's as Common Carriers. Otherwise the HOPE promised by this administration is little more than lip service, as this plan; an answer to a problem that doesn't exist (except for the need for more money and power for the ISP's)...can be fast-tracked into reality for \$500,000 campaign dollars, the current price for the position of FCC Chairman.

—Margot Copeland, Phoenix, AZ

Please protect our internet privacy. Thanks
—Nick Syrovatka, Concord, CA

Net Neutrality is the central tenet of the Internet. With it, we have a free and open means of communication. Without, we have the next generation of cable where large monopolies hold all the cards and smaller voices don't have a way to get their message out.
—David Lee, Chico, CA

Do not let corporations determine the future of the most important resource in the world. Don't let lobbyists and the FCC chairman side with the money-hoarders. The Internet should be treated like any other utility: controlled so that the needs of the common person are preserved.
—Mark Delsing, Aurora, IL

Net Neutrality is basic to democracy. Wheeler's plan allows corporations to gouge ordinary citizens.
—Alan Cumings, Fairfax, CA

You cannot go on with this, net neutrality must be protected!!
—Mihai Munteanu, zomergem,

All the real news from everywhere all the time.
—Paul Petach, Cupertino, CA

We should all be equal. No preference for corporations.
—Olga Sevilla, Canoga Park, CA

The internet should be free to access without any restrictions...should we restrict who and how people access a library??
—Stephen Lara, Katy, TX

As an entrepreneur and software engineer, net neutrality ensures that the products or services I create have a fighting chance to get off the ground, instead of being stuck in an artificial slow lane that frustrates my customers. Losing net neutrality would create a tremendously higher barrier to entry, stifling competition and new innovations in favor of maintaining the current market leaders. As a consumer, net neutrality protects my ability to choose which content and services I want. Losing net neutrality would reduce the choices I have and prevent the tolls companies would have to pay from being passed on to me.
—Andy Morris, Norman, OK

A two tiered system creates inequality in the Internet and threatens freedom of speech. Keep the Internet an indiscriminating portion of our communication network, allow everyone fair access.
—Nell Morningstar, Minneapolis, MN

We should not allow big corporations to purchase fast lanes on the Internet! There is already too much inequality between the top 1 percent and the 98 percent! Keep the speed of the Internet the same for all! Don't try to fix what is not broken!
—Joel I. Friedman, Davis, CA

It is extremely important that all data is treated equally. I do NOT want Comcast, ATT, etc. to be the ones deciding which data I can easily access and stream. That amounts to them being able to censor, and that is unAmerican.
—Karen Sewick, Downers Grove, IL

YOUR FAILURE TO ACT WILL RUIN THE INTERNET AS A PLACE OF INNOVATION FOR OUR NEXT GENERATION. OUR GREATEST ASSETS ARE OUR YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR'S AND FUTURE ENTREPRENEUR'S; THEY MAY NEVER HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE THROUGH TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES. WE WILL LIMIT THIS TO LARGE CORPORATION AND THOSE WITH THE MEANS TO "PURCHASE" THEIR CHANCE. WHAT A SAD DAY THAT WILL BE.

—Jennifer Taylor, Seattle, WA

Why must always money control everything possible, elections, peoples freedoms, rights, isn't anything out of bounds? Is it too big to say no, the people says "Hell no" and we will boycott any and all if necessary.

—Melvin Taylor, Sacramento, CA

I am a research scientist, and I need net neutrality to keep big telecom from deciding which sources of information I should have access to.

—Ernst Adrian Henle, Eugene, OR

The big telecoms didn't create the internet and they don't own it. They should not have total control of it.

—Don Kraycik, Tulsa, OK

DONT YOU DARE TRY To SELL OUT OUR INTERNET TO THE TELECOMES. DO NOT THINK FOR ONE SECOUND THE MILLIONS OF CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY WILL TOLERATE THIS.

—Allen Albright, allentown, PA

We do not need a tiered internet in this country. As a major piece of infrastructure, it must remain a level playing field to drive innovation, communication, low-cost distribution and investment. And face reality. When was the last time you personally dealt with any telco/cable entity? This is a industry based in antiquated monopolies (the exact opposite of free market) and the ability to be the only game in town - their level of customer service and satisfaction proves it year after year. Is this really who you want to continue to leave in charge of infrastructure that is such a major driver of our economy?

—William Graham, Lake Forest, CA

No two-tiered internet, please!

—Maxwell Johnson, Vancouver, WA

Net Neutrality is important to the world of free speech and access to all people.

—Karen Clark, ventura, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me as it allows equal access to all. Once corporate america has the ability to dictate how much access costs, the average american will pay dearly. This is an example, in my opinion, of how corporate america has used its money and influence to dictate the market place and garner an advantage. A truly frustrated and fed up american.

—Pascale Scoggins, aliso viejo, CA

NET NEUTRALITY IS IMPORTANT TO ME AND TO MY FAMILY. SAVE NET NEUTRALITY

—Orpha Dess Wilson, REDONDO BEACH, CA

The internet does not belong to the most powerful lobbyist.

—Dan S Fieldstad, salt lake city, UT

Everyone's internet content should be served at the same speed. Large corporations should not be allowed to pay more for faster speed. The FCC should declare ISP's as common carrier service providers in order to establish net neutrality.

—Deborah Pearl, Scottsdale, AZ

As an American citizen currently living in Canada, I feel that the people's best interests are not served by a "slow lane/fast lane" architecture of the internet which, in my opinion, only serves the best interests of the rich and powerful corporations. Therefore, I do not support the two-tiered system proposal currently under review by the FCC.

—Herb Ernst, Blairsville, GA

stop supporting big business and start defending the American people like I thought you were suppose to. Disrespectfully, Tim Seniff you have to earn respect and your not doing a good job at it maybe new members would help.

—Timothy J. Seniff, warren, VT

The Internet is NOT broken. Why is the FCC considering this myopic changes to a system that Free enterprise has turned into the Greatest Communication System in Human History. Don't mess with the Internet.

—Mark A. Gardner, Las Vegas, NV

Ending real Net Neutrality would be one giant leap for further eroding democracy in America. The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Thomas P. Gardner, Keokuk, IA

Internet connectivity needs to be open and free. I vote to make it a common utility. 3rd world county's have better internet then USA.

—Jonathan Melberg, BREEZY POINT, MN

I am tired of everything in our country being sold to the highest bidder There seems to be nothing left for the regular, non millionaires of the country. If you don't represent anyone but the moneychangers, you should get out of public service.

—Nancy E. Davis, Perris, CA

I already hate my monopolist cable provider and would switch in an instant if there were other choices. (There are not.) My ISP does not need more power. The proposed changes will achieve just that: large monopolies will become even larger and more powerful, suppressing innovation from smaller companies.

—Armin Hinterwirth, Portland, OR

Americans already pay their providers such as AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon to access the internet. To have these companies pander to large businesses that can pay more than small businesses smacks of double billing to consumers.

—Ms. Kathleen McLane, Woodbridge, VA

PLEASE===PLEASE===PLEASE GET RID OF YOUR RULES AND REPLACE THEM BY RECLASSIFYING ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS. THANK YOU

—George Hague, Moreno Valley, CA

I am with AT&T, and it is hard enough to get to a website as it is, and if Chairman Wheeler's plan goes through it will be even harder/longer to get to a website if AT&T doesn't approve of it, and they have a political bias, anyway. I don't like the idea of "approved" websites - it is government by corporation. I read newspapers online as do many people, and I have the right to read what I wish. We need a free Internet. These ISPs are making plenty of profit and are exploiting avenues of even higher profit at the expense of our intellectual freedom. So un-American!

—Elaine Jones, Greensboro, NC

Net Neutrality is about FREE and FAIR TRADE, something corporations claim to be all about until they want to establish a monopoly. Protect real free trade!

—Matthew Perrett, Pacifica, CA

With Tom Wheeler at the helm (the proverbial fox guarding the hen house) I'm sure all our comments will be laughed at. But if you can find an inkling of courage, please show America that big money can't buy everything.

—Dale Weide, Napa, CA

Net neutrality is the foundation for democracy. Without distorted information it is only a pretend democracy and that's nothing to be proud of.

—Kristiane Ravn Frost, Beaverton, OR

Everyone should have internet at the same speeds. No fast & slow lanes. Let small businesses thrive.

—Urmila Padmanabhan, Fremont, CA

Please remember that as the government gains control, they gain control over you and your family too!

—Fred Schirmer, Inverness, FL

To allow the Internet service providers select who gets faster services and who does not is unthinkable. Don't allow this type of discrimination to happen. Which is what would happen with a two tiered Internet. Instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you

—Deanna Ratto, Salem, OR

In this era of shrinking jobs and rising costs for the majority of people, another vote for the corporate elite is another acknowledgement that the entire US political system is founded upon a lie. It is not and never was about "The People" it is about Big Business, Corporate Control and Political Cronyism. Those with power and money buy influence and control the Federal Bureaucracy. When a former lobbyist controls an agency like the FCC and the FCC then votes in favor of Corporate Interests it is not surprising!

—Eric Hultquist, Mesa, AZ

Net Neutrality is important for any free society that hopes to thrive and prosper. Please reclassify the Internet as a public utility. It has become an essential service.

—Mr. Tim McDonald, San Rafael, CA

It's obvious. No explanation needed.

—Tara Flanagan, Silverthorne, CO

Your proposed evisceration of net neutrality is equivalent to a shredding of the first amendment. Don't do it! Reclassify it for proper regulation and forget the damn fast lane!

—Martin Horwitz, San Francisco, CA

Net Neutrality is very important because it allows the free flow of information without ISP's ability to censor or limit content. I feel the Internet should belong to all people since it was developed first by tax payers dollars. We should not be limited on bandwidth while business is given a faster highway to travel. It is only fair that the FCC make decisions that benefit all. Keep the Internet Neutral.

—Robert Rector, Boonville, IN

Do the words MONOPOLY and FREE SPEECH make sense in a single sentence?

—Lois Wilson, NOVATO, CA

There is no real competition between ISPs currently and the FCC's proposed internet rules makes matters worse

—Jack Hollins, San Jose, CA

The net should be a public utility with free access to all

—Harold Goldman, Rohnert Park, CA

I believe in what John Oliver believes. Do not discriminate online keep net neutrality. FCC throw out your rules and reclassify ISP,s as common carriers.

—Randy Crowell, Buena, NJ

The ISP's must be treated as what they are, UTILITIES. They are common carriers, and should be regulated as such. The argument that such a move would stifle innovation is hollow; Time Warner has not improved my service in over 25 years as a customer, and their idea of innovation is finding new ways to raise our monthly fees.

—Walter Barnett, pacific palisades, CA

Free speech and Human Rights require an open Internet. I support New Neutrality.

—Edwin Holmberg Jr., LMSW, ACSW, Richmond, MI

Net neutrality is essential. It is required in exactly the same sense as the antitrust measures in the days of the railroad barons were required. DO IT NOW!

—Henry Cejtin, Chicago, IL

THE AIRWAVES BELONG TO THE PEOPLE...PERIOD.

—H Gray, Hayward, CA

I struggle with a junior high student who I hope to get into college yet all I can afford is dial-up internet service. Things are hard for for less affluent people, please don't make them even harder.

—Jc Ingool, san diego, CA

Discrimination by a public utility (and the Net is, for all practical purposes, a public utility or common carrier) is ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE. Americans need good internet service, just as they need water and sewer systems, electricity and the like. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Kathleen Buckley, Albuquerque, NM

Net Neutrality. Neutrality. Neutrality. Neutrality.

—Marie Blazek, Bastrop, TX

The Internet is our global community. It is our window to people all around the world who are exploring, thinking, solving social, economic and scientific problems that affect us all. It is our right to have access to all the information there is whenever we want it. Please call Internet service providers what they are, and don't allow them to censor what we can find on the Internet. Support complete net neutrality. It's something worth fighting for.

—Jen Winter, sausalito, CA

The net is used by all the community and I am concerned about eliminating the low income population from the net thru these plans giving more power to the wealthy.

—Anita Alcantara, Chicago, IL

I know of a elderly woman living in poverty who can still watch a few stations on TV without paying anything as to my understanding the FCC requires this. So many Progressive Talk Radio hosts are going out of business while our AM stations are filled with hateful Tea Party & worthless Sports talk shows! Why because FCC is in the pockets of big corporations? Please do your job and STOP FCC Cable Company F-Kery!

—Roxanne Chinook, Bellingham, WA

Net Neutrality is important to me because I believe everyone should be equal and that there should not be a two-tiered internet.

—John Sullivan, Streamwood, IL

Let's give everyone a chance, not just big corporations, net neutrality needs to stay, please listen to everyone, not just some, thank you.

—Katinka Haggerty, Clonmel,

ISPs have made it clear that they intend to shake down content providers, such as Netflix, Youtube and the like for bribes in order to deliver their content, it's time to classify them as common carriers and stop their extortion scheme.

—Stan Slater, Clearfield, UT

We want keep the innovative potential of the internet alive and not hindered by large businesses that can pay more for a better level of service. Please keep innovation alive, especially for small nimble companies and individuals!

—Neil Mitchell, Gilroy, CA

Net Neutrality is important to us who have little voice and little money.

—Fidel S. Arbolaez, Lakeland, FL

This has to be one of the worse decisions the FCC has ever made and it shows that the FCC can be bought. No one company should have the right to decide what should be high speed and what should not be. Internet providers already are paid for their service they should not have an iron fist on what people have access to. Shame on you FCC.

—Mary Maguire, Nashua, NH

Your proposed rules are an INSULT to those who have given their last measure to preserve this Democracy. Net Neutrality must be maintained. You need to scrap your proposed rules. ISP's should be classified as common carriers. Simplicity makes for transparency. That should be the path forward. Thank you for listening.

—Frank Drumm, Woodinville, WA

It should be a common carrier like the land phone system in our country. If the commission does not do it. It will lead to unequal access to the American people and price increases, as we have seen in the cable TV.

—James Dodson JR, Silverton, OR

The world-wide internet is actually a public space, and anyone can wander there and talk. The internet service providers should be classed as common carriers since that is what they actually are. Thank you.

—John Mason, antioch, TN

If you take net neutrality away from us, you will take away our last bastion of voice. Money is already in control of Congress, that much is obvious. If you let money talk you into letting it also control the internet, well then that is the last straw. You may not take away our last free forum. We will fight for it. You don't have a choice. Your job is to represent our voice and defend our rights. If you fail in this job, we will take it from you. This will not go away. Make the right choice.

—Russel Hampton, tomball, TX

FCC, Once upon a time (think 1990's dial-up), internet connectivity really was optional. Even then, however, since all traffic was sent through publically-owned phone lines (utility), there were thousands of competing local and national ISP's. Companies could compete and consumers had a choice. If a consumer didn't like an ISP or if they wanted a better price or higher connectivity speed, they could go elsewhere. Today, internet connectivity is no longer a luxury; it's necessary. Many people attending online universities or even high schools require connectivity for their education. Many services for which you pay bills now only accept online payments. Internet connectivity is as important to our lives as power, water, or natural gas (and even more-so if you consider we couldn't pay the above bills without connectivity). As such, ISPs need to be classified as public utilities, regulated by a single, accountable government, and the transmission lines (fiber, cable, ethernet, etc) need to be accessible to any company who wants to offer services. The existing ISP "mafia" is currently extorting customers for lack of other options and now they're proposing to have the power to do so with other service providers in order to have competitive bandwidth. This cannot happen. It's insane that this issue has even gotten this far. For this issue to even be debated, very much against the peoples' will and well-being, the very structure of the FCC and other government bodies is being called into question. Does the ISP Mafia have so much control over Washington that they can push-through laws and legislation that are in direct opposition to the well-being of the American public and their will? Please do not let this happen. ISPs need to be classified as public utilities and the internet playing field needs to be kept level for everyone. Any action other than this would not only harm the American public, but it would be political suicide for anyone that supports the ISP Mafia. The People have spoken. Why are we even debating this. The Government is in place to serve and represent "We, The People".
—Peter Nunnallee, Kent, WA

Why does this have to be owned by corporation? Its been free and should continue to be. A way to communicate i.e. FREE PRESS, should continue to be just that. Once again you will be stifling the ability to be FREE to communicate at will. It will be wrong to allow a take over.....
—Richard Moore, Sebastopol, CA

Net Neutrality needs to continue as presently mandated in the US in order to foster legitimate competition and to provide a free and diverse flow of information.
—Mr. William Chiles, San Francisco, CA

Why not have net neutrality? Are we not all citizens?
—Rochelle Carothers, Socorro, NM

Without an open internet, big corporations will have even more control over how I access websites and services.
—brenda kennard, Berkeley, CA

KEEP THE NET NEUTRAL!!! Because I use and enjoy NetFlix: I pay my internet provider (Comcast) a premium for "extra" High Speed Service so I can watch these movies...Now the internet providers are also charging NetFlix more money to provide them with the ability to send out their service, after already gouging their customers to receive the same services. The fact that these two are in direct competition for Video based customers is being given too little consideration? Comcast should never be allowed to purchase Time Warner, as their greedy monopolistic practices will just multiply! KEEP THE NET NEUTRAL!!!
—David Neckolaishen, Aurora, IL

The FCC is currently considering a rules change that would allow telecommunications companies to charge extra money for faster delivery of data over their networks. If allowed, these fast lanes would benefit only large, established companies that can afford to pay for efficient data delivery while small businesses and start ups would be unable to compete. Allowing a tiered Internet will stifle innovation and prevent competition, hurting the US economy.
—John Zaharick, Ashland, PA

Im 79 years old, arthritic, and living on social security. I depend on the internet for information, fun and getting through the day. Please do not change it. We need net neutrality.
—Elaine Erickson, Fountain Valley, CA

The only solution to achieve real net neutrality is to re-classify ISPs as common carriers. If you are real Americans who actually believe in freedom that is what you will do.

—Jonathan D Rubin, Los Angeles, CA

Everywhere in America the game is rigged against the little guy. Legalized bribery is now legal. Corporate lobbyist wine and dine congress at the detriment of the 95% of the rest of us. The FCC is run by a former corporate lobbyist for the cable industry, the very industry that has everything to gain from ending net neutrality. The fox guarding the chicken coop. How absurd! Please don't take the one tool we have left to level the playing field just a little and allow the start ups and other ordinary people a voice.

—Mr. Stephen Sharp, Thayer, MO

The internet is more than a luxury in today's world. It is a requirement. Net Neutrality is an absolute MUST.

—Christopher F Coyne, Riegelsville, PA

I have watched the Internet grow, and grow it has - and now the big internet providers want to cut it back and make it their poorly-tended patch of dirt that they charge us ever-higher prices to use? Monopoly isn't capitalism. Treat the Internet under the Common Carrier rules. Because that's what it is, and that's what it's for.

—Brad Elliott, Burien, WA

Say no to multi-level internet plan. content must be delivered at consistent very fast for all.

—Kenneth Bjornbak, Springfield, OR

NO! to the end of Net Neutrality. FCC, throw out your new rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. NO! to COMCAST and Verizon having the right to blackmail the rest of us for a fast internet. You only have to look at the coercion COMCAST exerted on NETFLIX to force them to pay for more speed in streaming videos to comprehend what is at stake! Also, please, somehow, prevent the merge of COMCAST and Time Warner.

—Marilyn B. Sansoni, Vancouver, WA

Mr. Wheeler, it is REPREHENSIBLE that you are the FCC chairman. Even if you think the merger and FCC proposal (separate issues) are both best for the country, YOU CANNOT BE THE HEAD OF THE FCC. You just can't. You are a former lobbyist and nothing you have to say on topics of cable companies and Internet regulation is coming from a stance of neutrality and public good. I assume, probably naively but genuinely, that you are not a bad person. As such, you must consider the wisdom of stepping down from this post that the President - in a fit of jaw-dropping irresponsibility - elevated you to. You MUST leave.

—Christopher R Bryant, Remond, WA

The net should be for the benefit of all - worldwide - and not be a pawn, used when government and corporate chicanery feel the inclination to get involved in devious & dubious dealings. Les Reed

—Les Reed, London,

Why Net Neutrality is so important to me? simply put, it makes every presence on the web, example, big corporation or small individual, a chance to be an equal player. Kind of like what principles the United States of America was built on!

—Jaimey Perham, Fairfield, CT

Chairman Wheeler needs to realize he'd no longer employed as a lobbyist for the big telcos - he's employed by the PEOPLE of the United States to work in their BEST interest. That means protecting true net neutrality and classifying the internet as a public utility. It was OUR tax dollars that funded the research to create it and it should remain a public resource open on an EQUAL basis to all.

—V Weeks, Savannah, GA

The internet should be protected like phone lines - it's a basic telecom platform. Stop playing games.

—Jamie McCarthy, MELROSE, MA